

2024 Canoe Marathon Rule Change Proposals

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1	CAM Committee	CR	1.11.2	Matters of fact during the competition cannot be contested in an appeal.	Matters of fact considered during the competition cannot be contested in an appeal	Clarifies the intention of the rule that the appeal process is only for information which was not available to the officials at the time of the competition.	In Favour	In Favour	
2	CAM Committee	PR	3.2.5	New Rule	If any boat is considered by the competition committee to present a safety hazard to the athlete using the boat or to others in the race it can be prohibited from being used until the safety concern has been resolved.	Provides a means to prevent extreme innovations that create a risk from taking part in events.	In Favour	In Favour	
3	CAM Committee	PR	3.2.6	New Rule	A boat or an athlete may be equipped with a device which provides real time feedback on performance for use by television or sport presentation.	Clarifies the position regarding GPS or similar equipment used for sport presentation on the live stream.	In Favour	In Favour	
4	CAM Committee	PR	3.2.7	New Rule	An athlete may utilise a device which provides them with feedback on boat speed or heartrate during a race.	Confirms explicitly that such equipment is permitted in marathon racing.	In Favour	In Favour	
5	CAM Committee	PR	3.2.8	New Rule	Athletes may not use any communications device that allows them to receive any form of signal or instructions from their coach or other support team members during the course of their race. If any such communications are observed the athlete may be disqualified by the competition committee.	In marathon racing, athletes are required to problem solve for themselves which is a key element of racing. External input could create an unfair advantage which the committee seeks to prevent where possible.	In Favour	In Favour	
6	CAM Committee	SR	3.5	New wording	Pumps. Manually operated pumps or bailers may be fitted in both canoes and kayaks for all races. In addition, electric pumps may be permitted at a race organisers discretion where conditions make this advisable, in which case all athletes should be given sufficient notice in the pre-event information for them to make the necessary arrangements if they wish.		In Favour	Approved the rule	
7	CAM Committee	PR	4.1.2	Add	Women and Men's Open Women and Men's VL3 Women and Men's VL2 Women and Men's VL1 Women's and Men's KL3 Women's and Men's KL2 Women's and Men's KL1		In Favour	In Favour	
8	CAM Committee	SR	5.1.3	Delete this rule		Moving all portage rules into section 10.8 [SR]	In Favour	Approved the rule	
9	CAM Committee	SR	5.2	Delete this section		Moving all portage rules into section 10.8 [SR]	In Favour	Approved the rule	
10	CAM Committee	SR	7.1.1	International competitions are to be supervised by following International Technical Officials (ITOs): Chief Official Deputy Chief Official Safety Officer Competition Manager Competition Secretary Starter(s) Aligner(s) Chief Course Umpire Course Umpire(s) Chief Finish Line Judge Finish Line Judge(s) Timekeeper(s) Boat Scrutineer Raft Marshall Commentator Sport Presentation Officer	International competitions are to be supervised by following International Technical Officials (ITOs): Chief Official Deputy Chief Official Safety Officer Competition Manager Starter(s) Aligner(s) Chief Course Umpire Course Umpire(s) Chief Finish Line Judge Finish Line Judge(s) Boat Controller Commentator Sport Presentation Officer Paracanoe Technical Representative	Changes to reflect combined roles at marathon events which reduces the number of ITOs required to run an event. Paracanoe representative added when Para races are being run.	In Favour	Approved the rule	

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11	CAM Committee	SR	7.2.3.b	Postpone the competition and decide on another time when it may be held, or abandon the competition, or, if the competition has already begun, abandon, curtail or reschedule the competition, in the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances which make it impossible to carry out or finish the competition	In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances which make it impossible to carry out or finish the competition: If the competition has not yet started, postpone the competition and decide on another time when it may be held, or abandon the competition; If the competition has already begun, abandon, curtail or reschedule the competition.	Change wording to make the rule more clear, without changing the intention of the rule.	In Favour	Approved the rule	
12	CAM Committee	SR	7.2.3.f	Penalties in accordance with the ICF Statutes may also be imposed	Impose penalties in accordance with the ICF Statutes, if applicable;	Improved wording	In Favour	Approved the rule	
13	CAM Committee	SR	7.2.3.g	May disqualify any athlete who behaves improperly or who by his/her conduct or speech shows contempt towards the officials, other athletes or onlookers;	Disqualify any athlete who behaves improperly or who by his/her conduct or speech shows contempt towards the officials, other athletes or onlookers, if applicable;	Improved wording	In Favour	Approved the rule	
14	CAM Committee	SR	7.3.7.c	New Rule	Confirm that the boats are approaching the start line in their correct order based on their boat numbers as communicated at the team leaders meeting. Once all boats are in correct order the aligner(s) will signal this to the starter.	Clarify process to ensure that start lines are in numerical order	In Favour	Approved the rule	
15	CAM Committee	SR	7.3.10	Finish Line Judges will: 7.3.10.a - Be placed at the finish line; 7.3.10.b - Decide the order in which the boats have crossed the finish line; 7.3.10.c - Use a simple majority to decide a dispute in the absence of a Photo Finish System and where the Finish Lines Judges differ regarding determining the places of two (2) or more boats. In the case of equal voting, the Chief Finish Line Judge has the casting vote. The decisions of the Finish Line Judges are final.	Finish Line Judges will: 7.3.10.a - Work under the control of the Chief Finish Line Judge; 7.3.10.b - Be positioned at the finish line; 7.3.10.c - Decide the order in which the boats have crossed the finish line, making use of any photo-finish or other relevant systems available to help with this task.	Simplify wording to reflect how the finish line judges actually do their jobs	In Favour	Approved the rule	
16	CAM Committee	SR	7.3.11	Chief Finish Line Judge, who will: 7.3.11.a - Divide the work amongst the Finish Line Judges; 7.3.11.b - Compare the official times with the other Finish Line Judges at the end of each race and immediately inform the Deputy Chief Official on them.	Chief Finish Line Judge, will: 7.3.11.a - Divide the work amongst the Finish Line Judges; 7.3.11.b - Resolve any uncertainty concerning the order of finish of the boats, making use of all available systems, and making the final decision in the event of conflicting information. 7.3.11.c - Check and confirm the official times at the end of each race and immediately inform the Deputy Chief Official of the results.	Simplify wording to reflect how the finish line judges actually do their jobs	In Favour	Approved the rule	
17	CAM Committee	SR	7.3.14	The Raft Marshall will: 7.3.14.a - Confirm that the boat and equipment and clothing of the athletes complies with the requirements of the competition rules and that were confirmed at the Team Leaders meeting; 7.3.14.b - Dispatch the boat to the starting place when the boat, equipment and clothing is approved; 7.3.14.c - Check identity of the athletes and confirm that boat numbers and body numbers are correct; 7.3.14.d - Report the requirement information about the participants in each event to the Chief Official.	The Boat Controller will: 7.3.14.a - Confirm that the boat and equipment and clothing of the athletes complies with the requirements of the competition rules that were confirmed at the Team Leaders meeting; 7.3.14.b - Check identity of the athletes and confirm that boat numbers and body numbers are correct; 7.3.14.c - Dispatch the boat to the starting place when the boat, equipment and clothing is approved; 7.3.14.d - Report the required information about the participants in each event to the Chief Official.	Re-order rules to reflect the correct sequence of events	In Favour	Approved the rule	
18	CAM Committee	SR	7.3.14.e	New Rule	Check the first four (4) boats, plus any others selected by the competition committee at the end of each race for compliance with the specifications in these rules.	Adding responsibility for post race control	In Favour	Approved the rule	

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19	CAM Committee	PR	9.4.2	After the meeting the definitive Competition Schedule must be available at the course, giving names and NF of the athletes and the revised start list.	After the meeting the definitive Competition Schedule, giving the names and NF of the athletes and the revised start list, must be made generally available to teams, using online platforms where possible.	Highlighting the preference to use online information solutions in preference to paper based where this is possible at the venue.	In Favour	In Favour	
20	CAM Committee	SR	10.4.1.a	When the Starter is satisfied the line(s) are stationary will give the signal or "Ready" followed by a shot, starting horn, or the word "Go"	When the Starter is satisfied the line(s) are stationary they will give the start signal as described in the event information.	Allows for use of any start signal that is communicated in the team leaders information, or other event information.	In Favour	Approved the rule	
21	CAM Committee	SR	10.4.1.a	If an athlete commences paddling after the word "Ready" and before the start signal has been given, he/she has made a false start;	If an athlete commences paddling before the start signal he/she has made a false start;	Allows for use of any start signal that is communicated in the team leaders information, or other event information.	In Favour	Approved the rule	
22	CAM Committee	SR	10.4.1.a	An athlete who attempts an unfair start will be warned; A second warning will result in the imposition of a 30 seconds time penalty; A third warning will result in the athlete's disqualification from the event;	An athlete who attempts an unfair start will be warned; A second warning for the same athlete will result in the imposition of a 30 seconds time penalty; A third warning for the same athlete will result in the athlete's disqualification from the event;	Clarify that second and third warnings must be of the same athlete to cause the penalties to be given	In Favour	Approved the rule	
23	CAM Committee	SR	10.4.1.b	Athletes must stand stationary on the starting line. The Starter, when satisfied the athletes are stationary, will say "Ready" followed by a shot or the word "Go";	Athletes must stand stationary on the starting line. The Starter, when satisfied the athletes are stationary, will give the start signal as described in the event information	Allows for use of any start signal that is communicated in the team leaders information, or other event information.	In Favour	Approved the rule	
24	CAM Committee	SR	10.4.1.b	If an athlete or athletes commence running before the shot has been fired, the Starter will declare a false start and warn the offending athletes; An athlete who attempts to start before any instruction is deemed to have made an unfair start;	If an athlete or athletes commence running before the start signal, the Starter will declare a false start and warn the offending athletes; An athlete who attempts to start before any instruction is deemed to have made an unfair start;	remove reference to a shot being fired and replace with the start signal	In Favour	Approved the rule	
25	CAM Committee	SR	10.4.1.b	An athlete who attempts an unfair start will be warned; A second warning will result in the imposition of a 30 seconds time penalty; A third warning will result in the athlete's disqualification from the event;	An athlete who attempts an unfair start will be warned; A second warning for the same athlete will result in the imposition of a 30 seconds time penalty; A third warning for the same athlete will result in the athlete's disqualification from the event;	Clarify that second and third warnings must be of the same athlete to cause the penalties to be given	In Favour	Approved the rule	
26	CAM Committee	SR	10.4.1.c	When the Starter is satisfied, should let the line drift to within 10 meters of the start line and give the signal "Ready" followed by a shot, a starting horn or the word "Go" If an athlete commences paddling after the word "Ready" and before the shot is fired, he/she has made a false start;	When the Starter is satisfied, they should let the line drift to the start line and then give the start signal as described in the event information If an athlete commences paddling before the start signal he/she has made a false start;	Removes references to specific types of start signal and replaces simply with the start signal as described in the race information	In Favour	Approved the rule	
27	CAM Committee	SR	10.4.1.d	Athletes should be called into their starting position in the predetermined order. Athletes must be advised five (5) minutes, two (2) minutes and one (1) minute prior to their designated start time; The Starter must ensure that each athlete or group of athletes is stationary and lined up; An athlete crossing the start line prior to the ten-second warning must be recalled with the elapsed time taken from the designated starting time; an athlete commencing paddling between the ten second warning and the shot or starting command must incur an immediate 30 seconds time penalty.	Athletes should be called into their starting position in the predetermined order. Athletes must be advised five (5) minutes, two (2) minutes, one (1) minute and ten (10) seconds prior to their designated start time; The Starter must ensure that each athlete or group of athletes is stationary and lined up; An athlete crossing the start line prior to the ten second warning must be recalled with the elapsed time taken from the designated starting time; An athlete commencing paddling between the ten second warning and the start signal must incur an immediate 30 seconds time penalty.	Removes reference to specific types of start signal and; adds the 10 second warning to bullet 1 which is subsequently referred to.	In Favour	Approved the rule	
28	CAM Committee	SR	10.7.3	A collision will be an event where an athlete or any part of their boat or paddle touches another athletes boat or paddle in a way that disadvantages another athlete	A collision will be an event where an athlete or any part of their boat or paddle touches another athlete, boat or paddle in a way that disadvantages others in the race.	Extends the scope of contact to include contact with another athlete as well as their boat or paddle. Extends the scope of disadvantage to any others in the race, not just the athlete who is involved in the collision	In Favour	Approved the rule	
29	CAM Committee	SR	10.8.1	Athletes may only portage at points designated by the race organisers.	Athletes must portage at points designated by the race organiser in accordance with the instructions given in the race information.	Removes a conflict with other rules which allow portaging at other points along the course if necessary.	In Favour	Approved the rule	

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30	CAM Committee	SR	10.8.2	At official compulsory or optional portage points, the limits of the section of the river to be portaged must be clearly marked by flags showing the start and end of the disembarkation area and the start and end of the embarkation area. The flags marking the portage should be diagonally divided in red and yellow.	At official compulsory or optional portage points, the limits of the section of the course to be portages must be clearly marked by 2 flags showing the start and 2 flags showing the end of the portage. Athletes must pass between the two flags at each end of the portage.	Simplifies the description of the portage, removes the requirement for specific colours of flags which can be difficult to source and clarifies how athletes should enter and leave the portage area.	In Favour	Approved the rule	
31	CAM Committee	SR	10.12.3.a	Any athlete who is considered by a Course Umpire or Race Official to have been responsible for a collision, or who damages the canoe or kayak or paddle of another athlete or unnecessarily deviates from the direct racing line or deliberately blocks the path of an athlete may be penalised or disqualified;	Any athlete who is considered by a Course Umpire or Race Official to have been responsible for a collision (as defined in rule 10.7.3), or who damages the canoe or kayak or paddle of another athlete or unnecessarily deviates from the direct racing line or deliberately blocks the path of an athlete may be penalised or disqualified;	Cross references to the definition of a collision to allow removal of the duplicate rule 10.12.3.b	In Favour	Approved the rule	
32	CAM Committee	SR	10.12.3.b	A collision will be considered to be an event where an athlete's boat or paddle touches another athlete's boat or paddle in a way that disadvantages another athlete;	Delete this rule	Duplicate of rule 10.7.3, but not identical, causing possible confusion	In Favour	Approved the rule	
33	CAM Committee	SR	10.12.3.c		Renumber as 10.12.3.b		In Favour	Approved the rule	
34	CAM Committee	SR	10.12.3.d		Renumber as 10.12.3.c		In Favour	Approved the rule	
35	CAM Committee	SR	10.12.5		External assistance Any athlete who is accompanied along the course by other boats which are not in the race will be disqualified (DSQ) from the race.	Assigning a rule number to a paragraph currently in the rules with no number	In Favour	Approved the rule	
36	CAM Committee	SR	10.12.5		Renumber as 10.12.6 Including sub rules a to c		In Favour	Approved the rule	
37	CAM Committee	SR	10.12.6	If an athlete is observed by an International Official to throw a drink bag or other plastic items which then goes into the water, they will receive a 30 second penalty. The decision is to be confirmed by the Chief Course Umpire and cannot be the subject of an appeal	Renumber as 10.12.7; and revise to: If an athlete is observed by a race official to discard any waste item or rubbish such that it ends up in the water, they will receive a 30 second penalty. The decision is to be confirmed by the Chief Course Umpire and cannot be the subject of an appeal.	Allows for infringement to be observed by an NTO or an ITO and wording changed to cover any item that may be discarded.	In Favour	Approved the rule	
38	CAM Committee	SR	10.12.7		Renumber as 10.12.8		In Favour	Approved the rule	
39	CAM Committee	SR	10.12.8		Renumber as 10.12.9		In Favour	Approved the rule	
40	CAM Committee	PR	11.1.9	When a protest or a report is made against an athlete or a team, the Team Leader of the athlete/team in question should be presented the protest or report to read.	When a protest or a report is made against an athlete or a team, the Team Leader of the athlete/team in question should be presented with the protest or report to read and should be notified of the time by which they should make any response they want to be considered.	Updated rule allows for a response and gives the competition committee some flexibility around how long the team leader has to make a response, based on the situation at the event.	In Favour	In Favour	
41	CAM Committee	PR	13.2.1.a	Add to Rule	The Para Marathon events are: Women and Men Open Women and Men VL3 Women and Men VL2 Women and Men VL1 Women and Men KL3 Women and Men KL2 Women and Men KL1	Creating classes for Para Classes for World Championships	In Favour	In Favour	
42	CAM Committee	PR	13.2.1.a		Additionally, Paracanoe events will be contested at the World Championships in classes defined by the ICF Para Committee.	Add provision for Para races.	In Favour	In Favour	
43	CAM Committee	PR	13.2.1.b	Short Distance Men - K1, C1 Women - K1, C1	Short Distance Men - K1, C1 Men Junior - K1 Women - K1, C1 Women Junior - K1	Add junior classes for short distance races	In Favour	In Favour	

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44	CAM Committee	PR	13.2.1.c	New Rule	Para races Women Men KL1 KL1 KL2 KL2 KL3 KL3 VL1 VL1 VL2 VL2 VL3 VL3 Open Open	Add classes for Para races	In Favour	In Favour	
45	CAM Committee	PR	13.2.5	There will only be one (1) race for each age group on any particular day of the competition.	There will only be one (1) long distance race for each age group class on any particular day of the competition. Where heats are required as well as a final over the short course these may both take place on the same day but this will not be the same day as a long distance race for the same class.	To allow for heats and finals for the short course.	In Favour	In Favour	
46	CAM Committee	PR	13.2.6	New Rule	The drawing of lots for the first race in each class must be carried out under the control of an ICF official.	To specify the process for drawing of start order	In Favour	In Favour	
47	CAM Committee	PR	13.2.7	New Rule	Heats. When more than 20 boats are entered in a class, there will be 2 heats in that class.	To define when heats are required on short course	In Favour	In Favour	
48	CAM Committee	PR	13.2.8	New Rule	From each of the 2 heats, the best six (6) boats go directly to the final and in addition, the best 8 other boats based on time over the 2 heats will go to the final. The total number of boats in the final is 20.	To define progression to the final if heats were required	In Favour	In Favour	
49	CAM Committee	SR	13.3.3.a	The recommended distance should be such that the winner of each open class should record a time of approximately two hours fifteen minutes (2h 15') for seniors.	Delete this rule	Provide more flexibility for race distances	In Favour	Approved the rule	
50	CAM Committee	SR	13.3.3.b	The junior distance will be controlled by the number of laps described in 13.3.3.c	Delete this rule		In Favour	Approved the rule	
51	CAM Committee	SR	13.3.3.c	The recommended number of laps is: Eight (8) laps for kayak senior men Seven (7) laps for kayak senior women, canoe senior men, kayak U23 men Six (6) laps for canoe senior women, kayak U23 women, canoe U23 men, kayak junior men Five (5) laps for kayak and canoe junior women, canoe junior men	Re-number as 13.3.3.a The recommended number of laps is: Eight (8) laps for kayak senior men; Seven (7) laps for kayak U23 men, kayak senior women; Six (6) laps for kayak U23 women, kayak junior men, canoe senior men; Five (5) laps for kayak junior women, canoe U23 men; Four (4) laps for canoe junior men and canoe senior women Three (3) laps for canoe U 23 women and canoe junior women	Updated lap numbers for some classes, to encourage more participation	In Favour	Approved the rule	
52	CAM Committee	PR	13.4.2.e	New Rule	After the deadline of the nominal entries, the quorate races for the World Championships will be decided.	Establish a deadline for races to be quorate	In Favour	In Favour	
53	CAM Committee	PR	13.7.1	The Team Leaders meeting must be held between 24 and 36h before the first start	The Team Leaders meeting must be held between 12 and 40 hours before the first start.	Make the time available for team leaders meeting more sensible given the schedule for the first race.	In Favour	In Favour	
54	CAM Committee	SR	13.8.2	At the end of each race the first four (4) boats and other at random will be checked by the boat controllers using regulated equipment	At the end of each race the first four boats plus others as required by the competition committee will be checked by the boat controllers using regulated equipment. Any boat which fails to go to boat control when required may be disqualified.	Provide more flexibility in numbers of boats to be checked, and establish a sanction for boats that do not go to boat control if required.	In Favour	Approved the rule	
55	CAM Committee	SR	13.9.1	Athletes must not wash riding an athlete in another class	Athletes must not ride the wash of any athlete in another class except in masters races when specifically permitted in the race information.	Clarifies the rule and exemption for masters	In Favour	Approved the rule	
56	CAM Committee	SR	13.9.2	Wash riding on an athlete in another class is a violation of the racing rules and will be subject to a penalty. If an athlete is observed to be wash riding the athlete will receive a first warning and a time penalty of 30 seconds. If the athlete receives a second warning or has gained major advantage, then he/she will be disqualified (DSQ) from the race.	If any athlete is observed to be wash riding an athlete in a different class (unless it is permitted as described in rule 13.9.1) they may receive a time penalty of 30 seconds and will be warned when this penalty is taken at the next portage. If an athlete is observed again wash riding an athlete in a different class they may be disqualified.	Revision to reflect the practicalities of giving warnings and the exemption for masters.	In Favour	Approved the rule	

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57	CAM Committee	PR	13.10.2	The appeal must be handed to the Chair of the Jury in writing with reasons, not later than 20 minutes after the Team Leader is called to attend the Competition Committee to receive the written disqualification.	The appeal, in writing, must be handed to the Competition Committee for the attention of the Chair of the Jury, not later than 20 minutes after the Team Leader is called to attend the Competition Committee to receive the written disqualification.	Change to hand appeal to competition committee who will always be available at their office.	In Favour	In Favour	
58	CAM Committee	PR	13.12.5	New Rule	Paracanoe results from eligible events are included.	Confirm inclusion of para in the nations cup ranking.	In Favour	In Favour	
59	CAM Committee	PR	13.13.3	The World Championships are restricted to the following classes: Men - K1, C1, K2, C2 all age groups Women - K1, C1, K2, C2 all age groups Mixed - K2 in two (2) age groups 35-49 and 50+	The World Championships are restricted to the following classes: Men - K1, C1, K2, C2 all age groups Women - K1, C1, K2, C2 all age groups Mixed - K2 all age groups	Increase the number of age categories for mixed doubles	In Favour	In Favour	
60	CAM Committee	PR	13.13.4	New Rule (Existing 13.13.4 and 13.13.5 renumbered)	Age groups in singles are defined in 5 year bands, starting with 35 to 39 years. Age groups in doubles are defined in 10 year bands, starting with 35 to 44. There is no upper limit to the age bands, subject to a minimum of 4 boats required for a quorate class.		In Favour	In Favour	
61	CAM Committee	SR	13.13.5	The Masters World Championships will be held in accordance with a Master guidelines document published by the CAMC	Renumbered as 13.13.6 The Masters World Championships will be held in accordance with the information as published by the organisation, agreed by the CAMC. Any changes to published information will be displayed online and at the championship venue.	Designed to allow more flexibility in organisation and easier access to information for masters participants	In Favour	Approved the rule	
62	CAM Committee	SR	14	New Chapter Existing chapted 14 to be renumbered as chapter 15.	World Cups	Establish rules for World Cups events	In Favour	Approved the rule	
63	CAM Committee	SR	14.1.1	New Rule	The ICF Canoe Marathon World Cup competitions must be arranged under the auspices of the ICF		In Favour	Approved the rule	
64	CAM Committee	SR	14.1.2	New Rule	The competitions are held in accordance with the ICF Canoe Marathon Rules		In Favour	Approved the rule	
65	CAM Committee	SR	14.1.3	New Rule	The competitions will be held every year with at least one competition.		In Favour	Approved the rule	
66	CAM Committee	SR	14.1.4	New Rule	No World Cup competition can be held during the two (2) weeks preceding the World Championships		In Favour	Approved the rule	
67	CAM Committee	SR	14.1.5	New Rule	There is no limit on the number of entries from any National Federation in each event of the World Cup competition.		In Favour	Approved the rule	
68	CAM Committee	SR	14.1.5	New Rule	The competition schedule must be set at least three (3) months before the first day of the competition by the CAMC based on the events approved by the ICF Board of Directors.		In Favour	Approved the rule	
69	CAM Committee	SR	14.2.1	New Rule	The competition should be organised over two (2) days but can be extended by the ICF Board of Directors if required		In Favour	Approved the rule	
70	HUN	PR	3.1	K1 boats minimum weight is 8kg and K2 boats minimum weight is 12kg.	K1 boats minimum weight is 12kg and K2 boats minimum weight is 18kg .	To standardize the weight of the canoe sprint and canoe marathon boats would make our sport more sustainable. All K1 and K2 boats could be used for both canoe sprint and canoe marathon competitions. The 12kg boats are more durable, there would be no need to buy new marathon boat every two years because of damage. Canoe sprint boats are already accessible on every continent, with changing the rule, those boats can be used for marathon races as well. Later the weight of C1 and C2 boats might be standardised as well.	Not in Favour The proposal for such a big change, of boat weight, deprives marathon of the excitement they are known for and that is not to the benefit of ICF, athletes and marathon and takes marathon back 30 years.	Not in Favour The proposal for such a big change, of boat weight, deprives marathon of the excitement they are known for and that is not to the benefit of ICF, athletes and marathon and takes marathon back 30 years.	